Drug abuse iu Tihar Jail

2174. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA :
SHRI KAMAL MORARKA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Times of India dated the 3rd July, 1992 regarding rampant drug abuse in Tihar Jail ;

(b) whether it is a fact about 600 out of the 8000 prisoners of Tihar jail take narcotics regularly and most of them are addicted to heroin ;

(c) if so, whether any inquiry has been conducted into the goings on in the Tihar jail ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Delhi Administration has reported that the 7601 prisoners in jail as on 22-7-1992, about 540 prisoners have taken drugs at one time or the other. Most of these prisoners were addicted to drugs even before they were sent to Tihar Jail. The Delhi Administration has further reported that there have been instances where drugs have been recovered from prisoners. Amongst the steps taken to prevent passage of narcotics and drugs in the jails are :—

(i) intensification of frisking of prisoners and visitors ;
(ii) increase in the frequency of surprise seacrhes of prisoners and wards ; and
(iii) strict action against prisoners/staff whenever narcotic/smack is recovered.

(c) and (d) No enquiry has been conducted in this regard.

Militancy iu Uttar Pradesh

2175. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL :

CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the mounting militancy in some districts of Uttar Pradesh, particularly Nainital, Pilibhit and even in the Corbett National Park ;

(b) the number of innocent victims killed by terrorists during the years 1991 and 1992, till date ; and

(c) the steps, if any being taken by Government to nip at this stage ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) Such instances have come to notice.

(b) During 1991, 227 persons have been killed by terrorists. 78 persons were killed by terrorists upto 28-5-1992 this year.

(c) Public Order being a State subject it is for the Government of Uttar Pradesh to take necessary action in this regard. However, Central Government remains in touch with the State Government and constantly monitors and reviews the situation. Suitable assistance is also provided to the State Government a and when required.